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U. S. INTERVENTION IN MEXICO UPHELD BY DEBATERS' CLUB

Last Meeting of Debating Society Held; Affirmative Awarded Decision

"Resolved, That America should interfere in Mexico in order to stabilize the government and business affairs." This question was upheld by Mr. Valla and Mr. McAndrews and discredited by Mr. J. Healy and Mr. Cone of the Saint Mary's Debating Society, and it was only after the bitterest argument that we have so far heard, that the affirmative won.

Varsity Debaters

Having had ample time to prepare their debates, both the affirmative and the negative offered admirable arguments and excellent proofs were presented by both sides of the proposition. Also, as far as delivery, enunciation and manner of address, the four participants were "finds." It can easily be seen that such men as McAndrews and Healy will be able defenders of the laurels of Saint Mary's when it comes to clashing with outside institutions, while Cone and Valla, both having fine speaking voices, will soon be among the leaders of the society, and it is hoped that they will also be winning debates for the honor of the Alma Mater. The organization of the Debating Club has brought surprising results in the way of public speaking and during the first of the year we expect much of these young men.

Following the debate, Father Bowling was particularly pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the contestants and he offered many useful remarks for the perfection of the respective parties' arguments. Father Bowling has taken a very active interest in the society and with the efforts of Harry Bertain, the club has proven to be the most active on the campus.

SENIORS CHOOSE OFFICIAL RINGS

From a large assortment of sample rings, charms, and pins, the seniors chose the sample submitted by the Van Wormer Rodrigues Company of San Francisco. Mr. Frank Lynch '29 is the chairman of the class committee chosen to transact the necessary business in conjunction with the purchase. The choice of the class was heartily approved by all.

Beautiful Type Chosen

The type chosen was described by the chairman, Mr. Lynch: "The rings are set with a garnet stone and the seal of the College, followed in the lower section by the year of graduation, '29. The pins are arranged in the same manner as the rings only with the exception of the College seal being encircled by pearls.

The senior class have shown up 100 per cent in the purchase of rings and pins," said Mr. Lynch. He further added that the class attempted to choose a design most appropriate and the one most symbolic of their alma mater, hence their choice of the use of the Saint Mary's seal. The use of the seal serves a dual purpose, as a class ring with representative design and as a ring or pin appropriate for all occasions.

The chairman intimated that the rings would be on the campus on or about Monday, December 17.

Those of us who know Wilfred Peebles have admired him for his winning personality and gentlemanly conduct. In the short time that Wilfred has been with us he has shown a true spirit of loyalty and real sportsmanship upon the athletic field. The passing away of his dearest friend, his mother, has brought great sorrow into his heart. We who are his friends and admirers wish to offer our condolence.

JACK MERRICK,
Pres. of the A.S.S.M.C.

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December 17—Quarterly examinations.
December 21—Christmas recess begins at 3:00 P.M.
January 2—Registration of new students.
January 3 — Instruction begins in all classes.

AVIATION IN U. S. SHOWS NOTABLE ANNUAL ADVANCES

A glimpse into the future of the airplane is gained by a backward glance toward the races held a decade ago between the airplane and trains, and automobiles, says the American Air Transport Association.

Newspapers of September 29, 1910, contained a thrilling narrative of the first race between an automobile and a train. Walter Brookins raced an Illinois Central train from Chicago to Springfield, Illinois, and won a $10,000 prize. A special train acted as a convoy bearing mechanics, gasoline, tools, a portable forge and duplicate parts of the plane. It was a grand day for Illinois. Brookins was hailed along the route as "king of the air." The mere fact that an airplane and a railroad train were in a speed contest was enough to make it a unique and sporting proposition.

Iron Horse vs. Spruce Bird

The newspaper narrative says: "An iron horse and a canvass and spruce bird ran neck and neck and there resulted a race which will not soon be forgotten by the spectators. The airplane at times shot along like an arrow and kept abreast of the trainS, then it glided down at terrific speed and finally shot ahead to win from the train."

One of the interested spectators of the race was Wilbur Wright, who was a guest on the special train.

The fastest all-time train record from Los Angeles to Chicago is the still famous 2230 mile journey made by "Scotty, the Miner" in 44 hours and 54 minutes, a trip now made daily by the mail planes in 20 hours, including stops. Mrs. Alfred H. Smith, wife of the late president of the New York Central Railway, chartered a train which made a trip between Los Angeles and New York in 69 hours and 11 minutes, a fiight negotiated daily by the mail planes in 31 hours. And, recently, Arthur Goebel and Harry Tucker flew the Yankee Doodle across the same route in 18 hours and 58 minutes. The fastest train trip ever made between New York and Chicago was by a special train hired by Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick. The time was 17 hours. Mail planes make the fiight daily in 8 hours.

Contrasted with those speed trips are air mail records which show how the airplane free from mountain grades and the necessity of following the contours of the country and skimming on a bee line between cities can outdistance even the fastest train. Some of the fast trips made by air male are:

Chicago and Omaha 430 miles, 2 hours 46 minutes. The train time for that journey is 12 hours. Chicago to St. Paul, 2 hours and 50 minutes, a distance of 350 miles; train time is 12 to 13 hours, with a round trip in the elapsed time of 5 hours and 32 minutes which is an average of 132 miles per hour.

Atlanta-Miami, Five Hours

Pilot James Ray recently cut 18 hours off train time between Atlanta, Georgia, and Miami, Florida, on the new mail route, when he covered the 622 miles in 5 hours and 32 minutes, an average of 112 miles an hour. Aided by a strong wind, Earl Ward in the Cleveland-New York run hopped 394 miles with the mail in 2 hours and 14 minutes, while mail pilot Kyrtle in flying the mail from Spartanburg to Greensboro, 140 miles in 55 minutes, hung up an average speed of 148 miles per hour.

Alhambra Valley Home of John Muir Is Near Campus

For thirty years John Muir, one of the greatest naturalists in this country, made his abode in Alhambra Valley, not many miles away from Saint Mary's campus. Muir, born in Scotland of Scottish parents, moved with his brothers and sisters to the eastern part of the States. He attended the University of Wisconsin and made himself famous by making a desk that at every hour would bring forth the book he would need that period.

After graduating from the university the wanderlust seized Mr. Muir, and he decided upon a trip to South America to make studies in natural history. Sickness intervened which brought Muir to sunny California.

Builds Where He Writes Books

Alhambra Valley was the nearest Muir could find to a balmy climate to suit his tastes, so he built a castle-like house there. Here he in his leisure moments wrote some of his famous books on the beautiful California mountain scenery. The most widely read, perhaps, is "The Mountains of California."

There was no limit to Muir's wanderings. He set foot on almost every bit of American soil, leaving his trade mark in two places of interest: Muir Woods, California, and the famous Muir Glacier, Alaska.

In the estate of his sister, under the shade of two giant eucalyptus trees lies the body of this great naturalist beside the body of his wife. To know that the body of a man of Muir's fame reposes so near the campus ought to make every Saint Mary's man proud.

FOOTBALL MEN ELECT CAPTAIN

The annual football dinner will take place tonight at 6:30, when the squad will be the guests of the Athletic Association at the Athens Club, Oakland. The bus will leave Saint Mary's at 6 o'clock crowded with members of the team. Shortly thereafter they will arrive in Oakland, where they will be feted in the main dining room of the club, where in the midst of cheers and speeches they will partake of a glorious repast.

This event has become an annual affair. Among those present will be Brother Agnon, Brother Lewis, Coaches Slip Madigan, Dutch Conlan and Bodie Andrews. Captain Al Tobin, all-Coast selection, and our 1928 all-American, Ike Frankian, with the other members of the squad, all of whom have worked so hard for the success of the team this season will be present.

Former Gael Trainer Returns to Campus

A very common query about the campus is: "Where is Mac this year?" Brother Lewis appointed Mac to supervise the transportation of the movable fixtures from the Old Brick Pile to Moraga.

Now that Mac has successfully completed this work, he will next semester be seen about the campus in discharge of his regular duties of assisting the athletic committee, piloting the bus, and a number of other little jobs. Due to this appointment Mac had to give up his position as trainer this year, which is being filled by Ponti, who is now ineligible but will be eligible next year. Mac will probably be back on the job next year as trainer again.

Medieval Mystery Play Is Presented at Mills

Following the advice of Brother Virgil, several Saint Mary's students attended the twelfth century coventry cycle Mystery Play which was presented by the Mills College Drama Association in Lisser Hall, Mills College, on Sunday evening, December 9.

The presentation was a thorough success, and it was repeated the following evening to another large and appreciative audience. The theme of the play was the first visitation of the angel to Mary and the events thereafter until her flight into Egypt with the Christ child.

Miss L. Stephens was responsible for the direction of hte play, which was aided by Christmas carols sung by the Mills College Choir.

Be it true or false, what is said about men often has as much influence upon their lives, and especially upon their destinies, as what they do.—Victor Hugo.

BANQUET GIVEN FOR COLLEGIAN STAFF

Wednesday night, in one of the College dining halls, a banquet was given the members of the staff of The Collegian, the college weekly. This was the first of what is hoped to be an annual or semi-annual affair, and was sponsored by the College faculty.

After the dinner a speech was made by Arthur Sherry, editor, in which he thanked the members of the staff for their cooperation and assistance in making The Collegian "the equal of any college paper on the coast."

Brother Virgil, through whose efforts The Collegian has reached its present excellent stage, then spoke of the necessity of keeping up the good work, and outlined ways and means for improvement.

Brother Lewis expressed his thanks to the members of the staff for the fine work they had done and how it affected outside opinions of the College.

After a few remarks by Brother Henry of the English department and some closing comments by various members of the staff, the banquet was over.

SPANISH CLUB VISITS COLLEGE

The Spanish Club of the College of the Holy Names, accompanied by two Sisters of the faculty and Dr. Beatrice Cornish, professor of Spanish, visited Saint Mary's and the Carmelite Convent last Sunday afternoon. The visitors were guests of Brother Ralph and were shown about the campus by Joseph Firpo, Nicholas Nugent, and Victor Valla.

The party was shown through the science and Arts and Letters buildings. In the Science the young ladies were particularly impressed by the work on exhibition in the Art room. In the resident halls, the new lounge room and the general appearance of the main floor of the upper class hall caused much favorable comment. The reception rooms, the dining rooms, and Chapel were then visited.

Benediction in Convent

In the Carmelite Convent the Spanish students met and spoke with the nuns, the conversation being carried on in the language of the Carmelites. They were then taken into the little Convent Chapel, where Father Santos presided at Benediction, assisted on the altar by the versatile Mr. Nugent. During the services the college girls sang the hymns and answered the Divine Praises in Spanish.

To complete the afternoon the Carmelites, through the courtesy of Brother Ralph, served ice cream and cakes to the guests, and after a last visit to the College Chapel to see the altar lighted up, they left for their homes.

Dial Phones First In Contra Costa Co.

Saint Mary's College has the honor of having the first automatic telephone exchange in Contra Costa County, according to word received from District Manager Calvert of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. The new exchange will be "cut in" to the Oakland central exchange early next week. Need of installing the new system was realized when school opened in September, for the small Moraga exchange was swamped with demands for service far beyond itsc apacity. At the present time the dial system is used, by which the subscriber calls the desired number in all cases except long distance calls. In obtaining outside calls it is necessary to call the operator at Moraga and she in turn gets the long distance call. After the installation of the new system, the call will go through Moraga direct to the long distance operator, resulting in a saving of time and trouble.

STUDENT'S MOTHER TAKEN BY DEATH

Mother of Varsity Center Dies Suddenly; Peebles On Way Home

Last Friday morning at 5 o'clock, the mother of Wilford Peebles, sophomore, died at her home in Youngstown, hio. She had been ill for several weeks, but it was not expected that she would be called away as suddenly as she was.

It was a stunning blow to "Woody" and our heartfelt sympathy went with him as he boarded the train for the sorrowful three-day journey to his home. Joseph Connely, sophomore president, expressed the feelings of the class in a telegram sent Saturday afternoon and a large floral wreath was also forwarded by Wilford's classmates as an expression of the deep feeling that they have for his sorrow. Since then, several hundred communions have been offered up for the repose of Mrs. Peebles' soul.

"Woody" attained fame on the gridiron this year and it is now known that his mother made a heroic fight for life while her son battled on the gridiron as a center on the varsity.

NIMROD CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

The new Saint Mary's can boast of having a real game preserve on its property. Also, though it might not generally be known, it can boast of a Nimrod Club, an organization of mighty hunters.

The first outing of this group was held on December 1, with the opening of the quail season, and from all reports it was a complete success. All the members report having "drawn blood," but the exact amount fo game brought down has not been divulged.

The purpose of this organization is not to rid the countryside of game, but, on the contrary, to insure an abundance of all game, especially quail. The way these men have of doing this is to rigidly observe the state game laws regarding seasons and limits of game; also to kill all predatory birds or animals that feed on the eggs and young of quail. The birds so far prescribed are the blue jays and the so-called yellowhammers. It has been estimated that the killing of any one of these birds means that the lives of some twenty quail have been saved.

The preservation of game fowl on our beautiful campus is indeed a most worthy cause to work for, so more power to the Nimrods.

The members of this organization have no desire that their names be publicly divulged, but we can be assured that many prominent students are on the club roster.

CHAPEL WINDOW IS DONATED BY FORMER STUDENT

Window to Be Immaculate Conception of Murillo; 9 Months Before Ready

A stained glass window of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, reproduced from a copy of the famous painting by Muillo, will be placed above the main altar in the Chapel. The donor of the gift, whose identity is being kept a secret, is a member of the Alumni Association of Saint Mary's. Approximately nine months will be required to complete the work. The window is the first of a group of windows depicting episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin to be placed in the Chapel.

The Painting

In his painting, Murillo has given to the world, by means of his canvas, a picture that ranks with the masterpieces of the great artists. The Immaculate Conception was his favorite subject, and in his work he maintained the dignity and splendor of the subject unimpaired. The holy rapture of Mary, the joy of motherhood, and the divinity of the occasion are wonderfully expressed, and nowhere does his genius betray him into belittling the inspiring majesty of the theme. The original painting was in the collection of Marshall Soult and after being purchased originally for two hundred and fifty pounds was finally acquired by the French nation for twenty-four thousand pounds. At the present time the painting hangs in the Louvre in Paris.

Murillo

Born in Seville of humble parents, Murillo's career was typical of a painter's life at the time when the Church was the patron of Art. His first essays in art took the form of rough religious pictures. He sold many of his works for the affairs of his town and for exportation to South America. He was fortunate enough to secure the patronage of Velazquez, through whose influence he was enabled to study the masterpieces i nthe royal collections.

Catholic Leaders Greet Papal Legate

On his way back to Rome after officiating as Papal Legate at the recent International Eucharistic Congress at Sydney, Australia, His Eminence Bonaventure, Cardinal Cerretti, arrived at San Francisco December 11 on the Matsonia.

Cardinal Cerretti, who will report proceedings of the congress to Pope Pius, was met at the wharf by Archbishop Hanna, who also attended the ecclesiastical meeting.

William Koesel led the party of the receiving committee, which was composed of Sylvester N. Andriano, a former Saint Mary's man; District Deputy Edward F. Jones, Supervisors Milo F. Kent, Charles F. Todd, James B. McSheehy, Frank J. McGovern, Andrew J. Gallagher, and Alfred Roncovieri.

St. Mary's Cook Victim of Mysterious Attack

While walking near the intersection at Thirtieth and Grove streets, in Oakland, yesterday, Clarence Smith, 45, a cook at Saint Mary's College, suffered painful cuts, bruises and lacerations when he was attacked by two mysterious men.

Robbery Not Motive

Smith was immediately taken to the Central Emergency Hospital, where he received treatment. He told police that no attempt was made to rob him as he lay on the sidewalk; the men were satisfied at administering a good licking to him and then running away.

According to Smith's story he has no enemies and can give no reason for being attacked by two strangers.

Quarterly Examination Schedule

Examination program for the second quarter, beginning December 17. It is important that each student have his "Blue Books" and pen and ink for the examination. Absence from an examination means "E" or "F" for the semester.

Art 5a	Thurs., 8:10, S111	Brother Cornelius
Astronomy 1 (Sect. 1)	Wed., 8:10, S110	Mr. O'Neil
Astronomy 1 (Sect. 2)	Thurs., 10:10, S110	Brother Agnon
Astronomy 2	Thurs., 12:55, S110	Mr. O'Neil
Chemistry 1a (Sect. 1, 2)	Thurs., 12:55, S201	Professor Tomer
Chemistry 3a	Wed., 12:55, S201	Professor Tomer
Chemistry 7a	Wed., 12:55, S201	Professor Tomer
C. E. 3 (Sect.1)	Mon., 12:55, S202	Dr. J. E. Campbell
C. E. 3 (Sect. 2)	Wed., 10:10, S202	Dr. J. E. Campbell
C. E. 5a	Wed., 12:55, S110	Brother V. Leo
C. E. 7	Thurs., 10:10, S202	Dr. J. E. Campbell
C. E. 103a	Mon., 12:55, S110	Brother V. Leo
C. E. 109a	Mon., 8:10, S118	Professor Saph
C. E. 111	Thurs., 8:10, S110	Brother V. Leo
C. E. 115a	Thurs., 8:10, S118	Mr. Bley
C. E. 117a	Mon., 10:10, S118	Professor Saph
C. E. 119a	Wed., 8:10, S118	Professor Saph
C. E. 121a	Tues., 10:10, S118	Mr. Bley
C. E. 124	Wed., 10:10, S118	Professor Saph
C. E. 125	Tues., 8:10, S118	Mr. Bley
Economics 1a (Sect. 1)	Fri., 8:10, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Ecoonmics 1a (Sect. 2)	Mon., 12:55, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Economics 1a (Sect. 3)	Mon., 12:55, A-L208	Professor Sorrell
Economics 1b	Wed., 10:10, A-L208	Professor Sorrell
Economics 11a (Sect. 1, 2, 3)	Tues., 8:10, A-L201	Mr. Marciniak
Economics 13a (Sect. 1)	Mon., 12:55, A-L205	Mr. McGrath
Economics 13a (Sect. 2)	Wed., 12:55, A-L205	Mr. McGrath
Economics 13a (Sect. 3)	Wed., 12:55, A-L208	Professor Sorrell
Ecoonmics 30 (Sect. 1, 2, 3)	Fri., 8:10, A-L201	Mr. McGrath
Sconomics 30 (Sect. 4)	Mon., 8:10, A-L210	Mr. O'Neil
Economics 105	Fri., 12:55, A-L210	Brother Vantasian
Economics 107	Mon., 10:10, A-L208	Professor Sorrell
Ecoonmics 122	Tues., 12:55, A-L210	Brother Vantasian
Economics 123	Thurs., 8:10, A-L210	Brother Vantasian
Economics 151a	Thurs., 12:55, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Economics 161	Tues., 10:10, A-L115	Mr. Marciniak
Economics 162	Thurs., 10:10, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Economics 163	Tues., 12:55, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Economics 169	Tues., 8:10, A-L206	Professor Silvermaster
Economics 170	Wed., 12:55, A-L210	Brother Vantasian
Economics 171	Wed., 8:10, A-L208	Professor Sorrell
Education 103	Thurs., 8:10, A-L114	Professor Hagerty
Education 105a	Thurs., 12:55, A-L114	Professor Hagerty
English 13 (Sect. 1, 2)	Fri., 12:55, A-L201	Brother Henry
English 15	Wed., 10:10, A-L211	Brother Henry
English 20a	Mon., 12:55, A-L119	Brother Virgil
English 159	Thurs., 10:10, A-L211	Brother Henry
English 163a	Tues., 10:10, A-L211	Brother Henry
English 166	Thurs., 12:55, A-L119	Brother Z. Leo
English 167a	Thurs., 10:10, A-L119	Brother Z. Leo
English 171a	Wed., 12:55, A-L119	Brother Z. Leo
Ethics 1a (Sect. 1)	Fri., 10:10, A-L207	Mr. Martin
Ethics 1a (Sect. 2)	Fri., 10:10, A-L118	Mr. Garaventa
Ethics	Fri., 10:10, A-L204	Professor Hagerty
French AA (Sect. 1)	Mon., 10:10, A-L119	Father Ribeyron
French AA (Sect. 2)	Mon., 10:10, A-L205	Mr. Garaventa
French 1a	Mon., 12:55, A-L113	Mr. Woerner
French 102	Thurs., 10:10, A-L117	Father Ribeyron
German AA	Mon., 10:10, A-L207	Brother Cornelius
German 1a	Tues., 12:55, A-L113	Mr. Woerner
History 53a (Sect. 1)	Tues., 10:10, S202	Mr. O'Neil
History 53a (Sect. 2)	Tues., 10:10, A-L201	Professor Le Fevre
History 54a	Fri., 8:10, A-L114	Professor Le Fevre
History 100a	Mon., 10:10, A-L211	Mr. Silva
History 121	Wed., 10:10, A-L204	Professor Le Fevre
History 122	Fri., 8:10, A-L208	Mr. Silva
Latin AA	Mon., 10:10, A-L210	Mr. Woerner
Latin 1a	Mon., 12:55, A-L210	Father Ribeyron
Latin 102a	Thurs., 10:10, A-L117	Father Ribeyron
Law 1a	Thurs., 10:10, A-L120	Mr. Martin
Law 5a	Tues., 12:55, A-L120	Mr. Martin
Mathematics 2	Mon., 10:10, S112	Mr. O'Neil
Mathematics 4a	Mon., 12:55, S112	Mr. O'Neil
Mathematics 5a	Wed., 10:10, S112	Mr. O'Neil
Philosophy 1	Wed., 10:10, A-L201	Brother Z. Leo
Philosophy 3a	Thurs., 10:10, A-L201	Professor Hagerty
Philosophy 101	Mon., 12:55, A-L114	Professor Hagerty
Philosophy 103a	Tues., 12:55, A-L114	Professor Hagerty
Philosophy 155	Mon., 10:10, A-L206	Professor Hagerty
Philosophy 155	Mon., 12:55, A-L207	Brother Agnon
Physics 2a (Sect. 1)	Mon., 10:10, S202	Dr. J. E. Campbell
Physics 2a (Sect. 2)	Wed., 12:55, S202	Dr. J. E. Campbell
Religion 1a (Sect. 1)	Fri., 10:10, A-L114	Brother Ralph
Religion 1a (Sect. 2)	Fri., 10:10, A-L115	Brother Theodore
Religion 1a (Sect. 3)	Fri., 10:10, A-L113	Brother Vantasian
Religion 2a (Sect. 1)	Fri., 10:10, A-L211	Brother Henry
Religion 2a (Sect. 2)	Fri., 10:10, A-L205	Brother Edward
Religion 2a (Sect. 3)	Fri., 10:10, A-L119	Brother Virgil
Religion 105a (Sect. 1)	Fri., 10:10, A-L210	Brother Agnon
Religion 105a (Sect. 2)	Fri., 10:10, A-L208	Brother Cornelius
Religion 107a	Fri., 10:10, A-L206	Brother Z. Leo
Spanish AA (Sect. 1)	Mon., 8:10, A-L204	Mr. Feeney
Spanish AA (Sect. 2)	Mon., 10:10, A-L204	Mr. Feeney
Spanish BB	Mon., 10:10, A-L114	Brother Edward
Spanish 1a (Sect. 1)	Mon., 12:55, A-L204	Mr. Feeney
Spanish 1a (Sect. 2)	Wed., 10:10, A-L119	Brother Edward
Spanish 1a (Sect. 3)	Wed., 12:55., A-L206	Mr. Garaventa
Spanish 3	Wed., 12:55, A-L117	Brother Edward
Spanish 103	Mon., 12:55, A-L117	Brother Edward
Zoology 1a	Mon., 12:55, S201	Dr. A. S. Campbell
Zoology 3	Tues., 8:10, S201	Dr. A. S. Campbell

George Arliss Scores in "Merchant of Venice"

By Edward Smiddy

It is seldom that audiences are afforded a production one would term flawless. However, one of these rare occasions presents itself in the current production of "The Merchant of Venice." Winthrop Ames has given the public an excellent presentation with the distinguished star, George Arliss, as Shylock.

Practically every student has read at some period of his schooldays how Shylock was thwarted in his attempt to collect an unlawful bond and how Portia won a husband by the choosing of the leaden casket. Let us then consider the merits of the vehicle.

George Arliss as Shylock adds another laurel wreath to his long list of sucesses. Although it is his first Shakespearean endeavor, his portrayal of the heartless Jew, who could fin dno mercy in his character for Christians, is the work of a real artist. Besides a vivid performance of the role, he injects a touch of individuality employed by many great actors of the day. The bargain scene and the court proceedings were the highlights of a great performance.

Mr. Ames' company is not traveling on the reputation of the star, as many productions do, but contains a well balanced assemblage of actors. Freida Inescourt gave a very intelligent reading of the lines and was excellent in the trial scene. David Leonard, as the Prince of Morocco, accounted for himself admirably in his choice of the golden casket. Leonard Willey made a fine Antonio, expressing well Christian ideals in a very enjoyable reading. Leslie Barrie, who gives an understanding portrayal of Bassanio, often mars his lines with a throaty quality.

Perhaps two of the finest portrayals of secondary roles attempted in a long time are those of Maury Tuckerman as Launcelot Gobbo, and Henry Morrell as Old Gobbo. They were able to inject the maximum of reality and comedy into their parts. Eleanor Phelps made a pleasing Jessica and Eleanor Stuart read her Nerissa very well. Space hampers mention being given to the remainder of the cast, who were fine actors to a man.

A criticism of this production would be incomplete without a word of compliment to the producer for the exceptional stagecraft in the shifting of sets, the beauty of the scenes, and the colorful lighting effects. This production should be seen by every real student who appreciates the best that artistry can give.

The engagement closes December 15. Arrange to see it before this date.

"Floating College" at Grand Lake Theatre

Two sisters in love with the same young man, the scene of the campaign shifting from the background of a fashionable country club to shipboard on a round-the-world cruise—with a peppy bunch of young collegiates to stir up a little more merriment! That's the plot of "The Floating College," which comes to the screen of the Grand Lake Theatre on Saturday, December 15.

High jinks on the high seas with a cast of whoopee making youths that is enough to make anyone shout for some alma mater. It is a story that holds the interest of the audience from the opening scene to the final fade-out. And the two leading characters in this gloom chaser are Sally O'Neil, the diminutive and talented sister of Molly O'Day, and the famous female heart breaker, William Collier Jr., otherwise known as Buster.

OUTLINE WORK OF CARMELITE NUNS

Although unseen to most of us, the Carmelite Sisters have been consistently working behind the scenes of Saint Mary's College. Day in and day out, petite hooded sisters, garbed in plain brown uniforms, move silently and swiftly about their duties in the different parts of the College while the classes are in session or when the students are enjoying themselves with their various afternoon activities.

The Sisters' work, it can be safely said, is never done. Even if there were no material labors to perform, there still would not be enough time during the long hours of the day, for every minute is consecrated to the God above and prayer-time is all the time for them. Sad to say, however, a perfect state of being was never intended for mortals, and the sisters must suffer withoutp rotest.

Exiled from Native Land

Exiled from their native land by tyrannical oppression, the community found a haven of safety in the fold of the Christian Brothers, who responded admirably to their cause, going into debt to insure the tranquillity of these modern martyrs, who reciprocated by helping the Brothers out in the affairs which required the subtle touch of a woman's hand.

We do not have to examine the Chapel very closely in order to find that the superior touch of an expert has supervised. The cleanliness and arrangement of the minor fixtures in the Chapel show that a great deal of effort has been expended by the Sisters; floors are polished, instruments shine, and dust is absent, but the greatest work is not seen by the layman.

For months the Sisters patiently toiled until they had finished a complete set of vestments for use in every ecclesiastical ceremony. The works are estimated to be worth more than a thousand dollars, for it is exquisitely done and required tremendous labor. Their work is synonymous with the patient works of the ancient monks, who wrote volumes in vellum which took years of skilled labor to complete and which were among the wonders of the age.

Brother Edward Interpreter

Brother Edward, head of the Spanish department, is indeed fortunate in having the opportunity to converse with the Sisters, as the honor is limited, and through the medium of his interpretations we have been able to appreciate the good works of the Sisters, who have kept not only the Chapel in order but the student dining room as well.

Special Rates for Stratford Players

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ECONOMICS CLUB HOLDS LAST MEET

A meeting of the Economics Association was held Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The gathering was addressed by former President Joseph Firpo of the association, who had for his topic "Distributive Justice."

The unique method of treatment given this subject by Firpo caused much interest and discussion. The smoker which followed the meeting was pleasantly spent by the members firing questions at Firpo, who was not in the least embarrassed answering them.

SERVICE STATION WILL BE BUILT

The contract has been let to the J. P. Brennan Construction Company by the Associated Oil Company of California for the construction of an auto service station at the entrance to the College grounds. The Associated Oil Company has agreed to employ students of Saint Mary's to run the station.

The exact location of the station and the date of construction depend upon the new county road to be surveyed in the near future. The road will be on or near the present site of the old one and will join with the proposed low level tunnel connecting Moraga Valley wth Oakland. The new tunnel, which is to cost in the neighborhood of a million and a half dollars, will be started some time next month. It will require about two years to complete.

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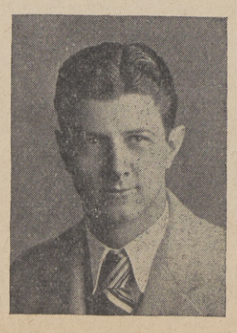

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SENIORS OVERWHELM JUNIORS, 20-0

FROSH DEFEAT AMERICAN LEGION IN POST-SEASON FOOTBALL GAME

Several Saint Mary's Men Play on Legion Team in Benefit Game at Martinez; Preston Stars in Frosh Passing Attack

Phil Murphy proved his ability as a coach when his All-Stars, consisting mostly of members from the frosh squad, beat the Martinez American Legion on the Alhambra school field, last Sunday, by a 30 to 0 score. The aerial attack was proved to be the most efficient yard gainer, for the All-Stars completed eight passes for a total gain of 130 yards, or an average of over sixteen yards each.

Elmer Preston displayed his end position in an All-American style, for his offensive and defensive playing were unbeatable. He completed four passes, two of which were for more than a thirty yard gain each, both times being downed on the six-yard line and resulting in touchdowns. He also intercepted two more, and another one in which he ran for a touchdown only to be called back due to an offside penalty inflicted upon his team. Elmer proved himself to be a likely prospect to fill one of the end positions of next year's varsity squad which will be open by graduation of Frankian and Lien.

Other Stars

Joe Flores was the most consistent yard gainer, and the punting of Wiggins was spectacular. One of his punts went for more than sixty yards. Pendleton, who played but half of the game, picked up two fumbles and ran for a score both times. Ray Studdard and Joe Flannigan, Schweinitzer and Shaner also starred. But we must not forget the line, for they played remarkably well, holding the Legion team to but four first downs. "Butch" Knowles, Alhambra high school coach, and Vic Ponti starred for the losers. "Butch" made several long runs and showed speed for a man well over 200 pounds. Those scoring touchdowns were: Flores (2), Pendleton (2), and Hiram Kaakau.

Dance After Game

After the game the team was given a chicken dinner as guests of the Legion. Following the dinner a dance was given to the team, again as the Legion's guests, at the Martinez Legion hall. The Legion even went so far as to furnish lady partners for the team at the dance.

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MANY ST. MARY'S PLAYERS IN GAME AGAINST FROSH

Bettencourt Referees Game, Gives Passing Exhibition for Huge Crowd

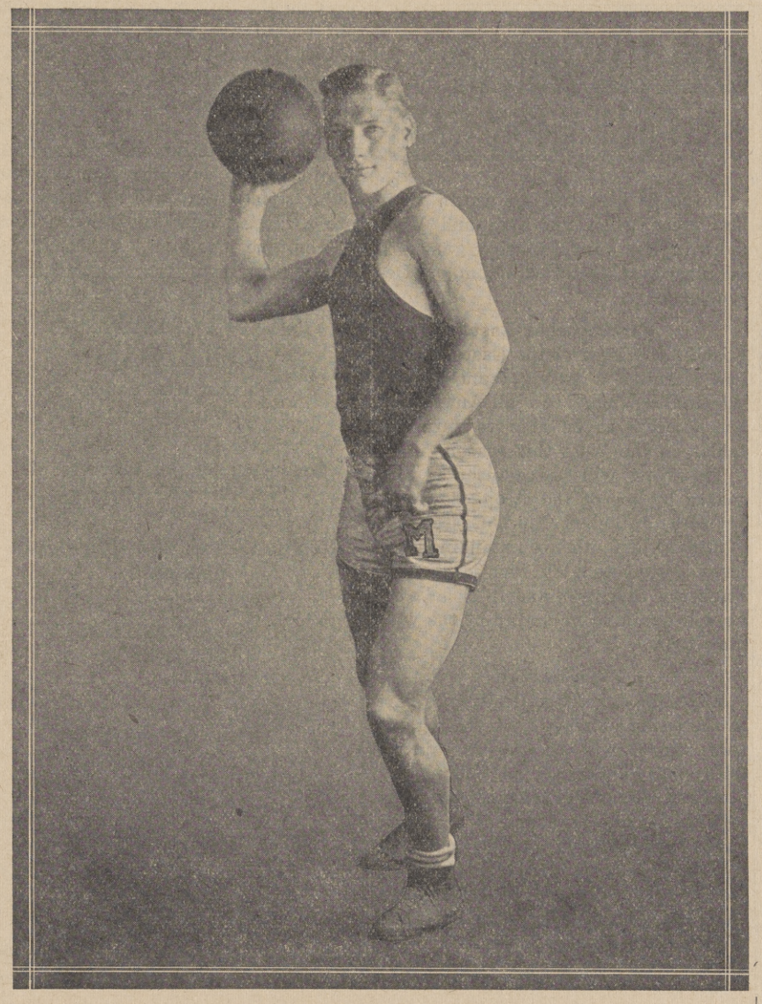
Though the football game at the Martinez high school athletic field, last Sunday, was under the sponsorship of the Martinez American Legion, it was a real Saint Mary's day. Players, coaches, officials and spectators were mostly Saint Mary's men.

Frosh vs. Legion

It was a game between the freshmen and the Martinez American Legion, from which the frosh emerged victoriously by the score of 30-0. The Legion team was made up of Ponti, Hodges, Schweintzer, Shaner, all Saint Mary's men, Red Grearty, a former varsity star, of whom Bodie Andrews speaks as one of the best fullbacks that ever went to Saint Mary's, and a number of Martinez high school players.

It was a game of straight football, with very few passes, but frequent fumbles on the part of the Legion team. Ponti was about the only outstanding man on the Legion team, while no one individual starred for the frosh.

CAPTAIN



NORMAN LIEN

Coach Conlan this year starts basketball practice especially well equipped, with an array of stars from last year's freshmen, and a full team of veterans, led by Captain Sig Lien, who for the second year has been selected by his team mates as the most capable man for that position.

Sig Lien, one of the best guards on the Coast, broke into the varsity lineup to achieve this height of esteem in his freshman year, and was hanging up a great record of consistency in playing throughout every game for the first two seasons, only to be halted last year by illness. Though he did not play the early part of the seaosn, he spent this time well, in coaching the freshman team which completed a very successful season.

Sig has always been so immovable at his post under the basket that he has been christened "Ironhorse" Lien. When the ball hits the basket, Sig is always there to receive it and return it with the speed and force of a bullet. When the team is behind, Sig instills a fighting spirit into it which invariably produces an air-tight defense, and unstoppable offensive attack, which the team displayed in late season last year when Sig joined them. This year Sig is in the best and strongest physical condition, and we expect him to lead a plenty powerful outfit onto the floor.

U. S. C. Loses Five First String Players

LOS ANGELES — University of Southern California's football team will lose half of its starting backfield and the entire left side of the line by graduation this year. Don Williams, quarter, and Lloyd Thomas, right half, both all-American prospects, will be lost from the backfield, while Lowry McCaslin, left end; Captain Jesse Hibbs, left tackle and 1927 all-American, and Charles Boren, left guard, will no longer be seen in a Trojan grid lineup.

The right side of the line, Francis Tappaan, end; Frank Anthony, tackle; Clark Galloway, guard, and Nathan Barrager, center, will remain intact next year, these four men being juniors this season.

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SENIOR VARSITY CONQUERS JUNIORS IN ANNUAL INTERCLASS FOOTBALL

Junior Backfield Stars but Unable to Hold Attack of Fourth Year Men; Freitas '30 Stars for Losers; O'Keefe Senior Threat

Displaying a well-rounded attack, the senior interclass football team defeated their junior rivals in an interesting game by a score of 20 to 0. The seniors, coached by Kasper and Frankian, used the Notre Dame shift to perfection. Their strong center bucks and fast off-tackle plays were more than the juniors had expected. The juniors, coached by Herrin and Pitchford, used the U. S. C. system, but found it difficult to work and had to rely largely upon individual play.

Captain Cunningham won the toss for the seniors and elected to receive. O'Keefe took the kick-off and returned it 15 yards before being downed. Cunningham made 7 yards on an off-tackle play and O'Keefe made it first down with five more yards. The senior interference was working fine and the backs were making good gains. Without loss of the ball the seniors carried it down to the two-yard line, from where the huge fullback O'Keefe plunged over. O'Keefe converted, making the score 7 to 0 in favor of the seniors.

O'Keefe kicked off for the seniors and for the first time the juniors had a chance to display their offense. Porcella, figured as the big gun of the juniors, attempted to run the ends but was brought down without much gain. Fratis and Thomas alternated at hitting the line and made a drive towards the seniors' goal that was halted only by the half-time gun.

Juniors Start Drive

At the opening of the second half, the juniors began to function in great style. Fratis made several runs off tackle. O'Brien added more yards on a long end run. With the ball on the seniors' 10-yard line, Coach Kasper sent in the regulars and after stopping Thomas on the six-yard line, Fratis on the next play fumbled. Sardell recovered and ran 70 yards before being downed.

Seniors Score Again

From here the senior backs again began to work and after several gains Joe Cunningham plunged over the line to bring the score to 13 to 0. O'Keefe failed to convert.

After O'Keefe kicked off the juniors seemed to have new life. Gavigan went in the backfield and with Thomas carried the ball to the seniors' 20-yard line. However, a junior fumbled and Costa recovered. With only a few minutes left the seniors again began a drive. A run by Dana, two passes from Cunningham to Heinze, a gain around end by Cunningham, brought the ball to the 25-yard line, from where O'Keefe started in high gear and crossed the goal line without being touched. O'Keefe again converted.

Juniors

For the juniors, Captain Ed Hurley and Gavigan were the outstanding men. Hurley was in every play and gave the seniors plenty to worry about. Fratis and Thomas did most of the work on offense.

For the seniors, everyone played well. The backfield, composed of Dana, Cunningham, O'Keefe and Heinze, looked good on offense, using the shift to perfection. In the line Costa, Bertain, Firpo, Sardell, Wycliffe, Pistochini and Schweinitzer played outstanding football.

LINEUP OF THE SENIOR-JUNIOR FOOTBALL GAME

Seniors			Juniors
Bertain	L. E.	R.	Holmes
Firpo	L. T.	R.	Westkamper
Wickliffe	L. G.	R.	Barbieri
Schweinitzer	C.		Hurley (C)
Pistochini	R. G.	L.	Razzetto
Sardell	R. T.	L.	Buckley
Costa	R. E.	L.	Gavigan
Heinze	Q.		Signer
Dana	R. H.	L.	Porcella
Cunningham (C)	L. H.	R.	Fratis
O'Keefe	F.		Thomas

Substitutions: Seniors—Barilles for Firpo; Vasser for Wickliffe; Sherry for Pistochini; Mullany for Sardell; Ridings for Costa; Smith for Dana; Massa for Cunningham. Juniors—Kelly for Westkamper; Derucchi for Barbieri; Hayes for Buckley; O'Brien for Signer.

Referee—Joe O'Neil. Umpire—Al Tobin. Head Linesman—Francis McNally. Doctor—Ponti.

Touchdowns—By O'Keefe (2), Cunningham (1). Points after touchdown—O'Keefe (2).

Score—Seniors 20, Juniors 0.

One Point for First Down Suggested by Cardinal Grid Coach

NEW YORK—A point for each first down is the latest change in the rule book that Coach "Pop" Warner of Stanford is sponsoring. He thinks that this would enable the better team to win more games than is possible under the present system where long runs for touchdowns on fumbles or forward passes are common.

Such a ruling would have put a different complexion on the Stanford-Southern California game and the game with California. The game with the Olympic Club would also have been affected.

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CAGE PRACTICE UNDER WAY FOR VARSITY TEAM

Old Gymnasium Used for Practice Until Facilities Provided on Campus

The Old Brick Pile is still the scene of much activity. Every afternoon Coach Conlan's cassaba tossers prance around in the Alumni Gymnasium, sinking buckets at random. Saint Mary's will be in for a banner year and the way the fellows are taking things seriously this year, it looks like a good many teams are in for a sound lacing. Conlan himself is optimistic and if this spirit continues, the Saint cagemen should cop the Far Western championship.

Combinations

At present Tazer and Ike Frankian are at forward. Red Mulholland is stationed at center, Driscoll and Lien at guards. These men are being given plenty to think about by O'Brien, Boyle, Patterson, Cunningham, Johnson and Pitchford.

Beat California

Last year California came out on top of a 30 to 28 score. This indicates how closely matched both teams were and also gives some idea of the rivalry which exists between the two institutions. Coach Conlon's veteran machine is pointing for this game and without doubt it will be one of the fastest collegiate battles. Before this struggle, Saint Mary's has a chance to warm up and show some rapid fire shooting in the Stanford game. This game was called off last season on account of an epidemic which struck the Stanford campus.

Barnstorming

So far as the varsity is concerned, there will be no barnstorming trip. News circled around a few weeks ago of the possibility of the team traveling around the country, but this was not authentic. However, a few games have been scheduled and Conlon expects to have his squad whipped into shape by the start of the season.

Stranger: "So you are the postmaster, storekeeper, justice of the peace, and constable of this town?"

Native: "Yassir! You might say I'm the Mussolini of Buckeye Corner."—Chatham News.

OUR ALL-OPPONENT

Members of the sport staff selected the following all-opponent team.

Ends—McCaslin, U. S. C.; Ford, Olympic Club.
Tackles—Bancroft, California; Tanksley, Gonzaga.
Guards—Diehl, Olympic Club; Walterschirchen, Gonzaga.
Center—Barranger, U. S. C.
Quarterback—Williams, U. S. C.
Halfbacks—Hunting, Gonzaga; Lom, California.
Fullback—Thomas, U. S. C.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ends—Phillips, California; Tappaan, U. S. C.
Tackles—Fitz, California; Hibbs, U. S. C.
Guards—Louma, Santa Clara; Pitto, California.
Center—Riegals, California.
Halfbacks—Machado, Santa Clara; Marcus, Olympic Club.
Quarterback—Eisan, California.
Fullback—Terremere, Santa Clara.

Basketball Schedule

Jan.	4	Rossi Florist.....Kezar
Jan.	8	Stanford ..... Stanford
Jan.	11	S. F. Boys Club, Kezar
Jan.	16	Pacific ..... Kezar
Jan.	19	Pacific ..... Stockton
Jan.	22	California .... Oakland
Jan.	25	St. Ignatius.....Kezar
Jan.	29	Y. M. I. .....Kezar
Feb.	4	Athens Club .....
Feb.	8	Nevada ..... Nevada
Feb.	9	Nevada ..... Nevada
Feb.	12	St. Ignatius .....Kezar
Feb.	15	Olympic Club....Kezar
Feb.	20	Cal. Aggies .....Kezar
Feb.	21	Cal. Aggies .....Kezar

Dates with Santa Clara to be arranged later.

Bulletin's Selection Places St. Mary's Men

The Bulletin All-Coast football team for the 1928 season, selected by Ernie Nevers, Pesky Sprott, Owen Merrick and George Davis, gives much credit to men from Saint Mary's.

Frankian

Ike Frankian was the unanimous choice for an end berth on the first team, it being doubtful if there was a better flankman in the country than this great defensive player from Saint Mary's.

Tobin

Captain Al Tobin, who was hampered by injuries, was placed on the second team with Hibbs of U. S. C.

Honorable mention was given to Harry Ebding, end; Frank McNally, guard, and Mack Stennett, halfback.

GAEL CAPTAIN IN EAST-WEST GAME

Football fans will be given their last treat when the East and West meet in the annual Shrine game, to be played at Kezar Stadium on December 29.

Kerr Coaches East

Coach Andy Kerr of the Eastern team has recruited a strong team of men selected by many as all-Americans, and expects to be able to turn the tables on the West this season.

The West will be represented this season by one of the strongest teams yet to be gathered. Chuck Carrol, Biff Hoffman, and other outstanding men have agreed to play for Coach Hollingberry this year and it is believed he will again be in charge of the winning team.

Tobin to Play

Listed among the stars to take part in the annual Shrine East-West game this season will be the captain of Saint Mary's varsity, Al Tobin.

Alfred Tobin was selected, no doubt because he has been one of the most outstanding tackles on the Coast for the past four seasons. He plays a steady game and can be relied upon to do his share of work in helping the West to win another game.

SENIORS IN ACTION

This picture, taken during the annual interclass championship game, shows Cunningham, Senior left half, carrying the ball on an off-tackle play that netted five yards. O'Keefe, immediately in front of the ball carrier, is running interference. The picture shows how well the fourth year line functioned on the offense and the perfection with which the backs executed the difficult Notre Dame shift. Field Judge Tobin can be seen at the extreme left, watching the play.

Fifty members of the Alameda Elks are now toiling and perspiring in an effort to win places on the two stellar squads that will do battle before a large throng of frenzied fans at Neptune Stadium, Alameda, on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30 o'clock.

One of the features that will precede the game is a passing contest for distance between Brick Muller and Larry Bettencourt.

Entire Backfield Lost To Madigan for 1929

An entire backfield, two ends and two tackles will be lost to Slip Madigan next year when he goes about preparing his 1929 grid squad.

Heine Driscoll at quarter, Gus O'Gorman and Jack Merrick at half, and Toots Kasper at fullback have all seen their football days at Saint Mary's.

Malcolm Frankian, the Gaels' great end, who has received several all-Coast and national honors, and his wingmate, Sig Lien, have also hung up their cleats.

Captain Al Tobin will be greatly missed at his tackle berth as will Phil Murphy, who is also graduating.

Troy Shows Return To Kicking Records

LOS ANGELES — University of Southern California kicked 60 per cent of its goals after touchdowns this season, and was never threatened by the one-point jinx that followed the Trojans in 1926 and 1927.

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WITH THE AUTHORS

By William Johnston

"I should hesitate to deny," says Arnold Bennett, "that Dickens has been the cause of more, and more honest, laughter than any other writer that ever wrote."

In discussing the cultivation of the public taste in literature, one is apt to overlook the influence, for good or evil, of school "readers." The subject has lately been dealt with in an official report of the Board of Education (London) on "Books in Public Elementary Schools." This opens with a historical account of the primers and books for the young that formed the staple of juvenile reading at the opening of the nineteenth century, and goes on to examine the books used in schools today. One sentence of the report has provoked some controversy. "There seems to be a real danger," it warns us, "lest the familiar tradition of English poetry should be forgotten," and it expresses regret that such old favorites as Byron's "Stanzas on the Eve of Waterloo," Cowper's "John Gilpin," Campbell's "Hohenlinden," and Gray's "Elegy" have been neglected of late. But the headmaster of one of the largest schools in Central London finds nothing here to lament over. "Gray's 'Elegy,'" he says, "may be excellent for children in more fortunate neighborhoods, but not for us in the slums. Boys whose homes are not much better than cellars need something more cheerful in literature." Similar comments have been made on such depressing poems as "The Burial of Sir John Moore" and "The Song of the Shirt." Another critic complains that the subject of death bulks too largely in books for children. Dead fathers and mothers, dead brothers and sisters, dead uncles and aunts, dead puppies and kittens, dead birds, dead flowers, dead dolls—a compiler of obituary verse for the delight of children could easily, he suggests, make a fine fat volume. Children, he insists, should read of the joy of life rather than revel in sentimental thrills of imagined bereavement.

Spurley Hey, the director of education for Manchester, has declared that the greatest difficulty in supplying the best material for school children is the lack of outstanding writers who, having the requisite knowledge of child life and some little knowledge of school conditions, are prepared to devote their high talent to writing for the juvenile section of the community. Quite apart from the fortune awaiting a really great writer who was prepared to use his literary gifts in the interests of children, there was likely to be a wonderful measure of satisfaction writing up to the highest requirements of children rather than, as was sometimes the case, down to the lowest requirements of adults.

D'Alembert, founder with Diderot of the Encyclopedia, was a foundling. The Glazier's wife who raised him was moved to pity by the boy's absorption in his studies. "You will never be anything but a philosopher," was her prophecy, "and wath is a philosopher but a fool who torments himself during his life that people may talk about him when he is dead?"

For students of Dante and for scholastic purposes generally, there has been issued a new edition of "The Divine Comedy," with the famous comment of Scartazzini perhaps the best commentary ever made on this principal work of tIalian literature. This edition is undoubtedly a real improvement of preceding ones, although all have proved very successful in helping students to understand and love Dante. Besides the excellent comment by Scartazzini, the volume contains a revised rhyming dictionary edited by C. Polacco, and also an index of proper names and important facts. The volume is printed on Oxford paper and contains 1100 pages. It was edited under the expert care of Professor G. Vandelli, "The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri," comment by G. Scartazzini, ninth edition, Milan, Hoepli, 1929, 20 lire.

In the London Mercury, J. C. Squire severely trounces James Douglas for his attack on the Poet Laureate, which he describes as both silly and vulgar. Almost all Dr. Bridges' fellow-poets, he protests, recognize him as being the greatest English poet alive, whether judged by the depth and variety of his "content" or by the consummate skill of his artistry.

If Vincenzo Monti could have seen how indifferently the first centenary of his death was celebrated, he would likely have delivered himself of one of his flights of ire which, due to his impetuous nature, were actually violent. His has been a fate that rarely befalls great men. In life he was praised, honored, acclaimed and flattered, while after death he was greatly criticized and attacked. Now, on the occasion of his centenary, only a few conferences and articles in newspapers were dedicated to his memory. That is, Vincenzo Monti is Italy's forgotten poet and rarely spoken of in Italy, much less abroad.

Vincenzo Monti (February 19, 1754-October 13, 1828) was born in that part of tIaly known as Romagna. He was a master of eloquence and "The poet of the tIalian Government" (November 7, 1804). As a Romagnon he was impulsive, good at heart, sincere, and a lover of gay life. As a master of eloquence he had the power to attract and enrapture with his easy flow of utterance and brilliant imagination. As a poet he is described in the rather severe judgment of the foremost Italian critic, Francesco De Sanctis: "Nature endowed him with the highest gifts of the artist: power, graciousness, affection, harmony, ease and spontaneity of production, besides a most consummate technical ability and absolute mastery over poetical language and elocution. But he lacked moral character and impulse. In other words, theartist cannot suffice if the poet is lacking."

So it has come to pass that Vincenzo Monti, the most successful Italian poet of his time, who left thousands and thousands of verses, is hardly known in the schools and in the memory of his fellow-countrymen except for a single sonnet and a translation of Homer's Iliad, which is truly magnificent, although he did not use the original Greek test but various other Latin and Italian translations.

The author of "Shrines of the Great in Europe" (Edwin Robert Petre, with map, 391 pp., Funk & Wagnalls, $2) has hit upon a new idea in guide books. He has listed the famous personal associations of places in most of the countries of Europe, and has made a little travel companion which may well bring added enrichment to the traveler's days. The book is in two parts; in the first, the association of towns and cities are arranged geographically; in the second, the men and women mentioned are identified with cross references to their countries. It is a clever idea, and well carried out and, although the citations are very brief, they are not too brief to be suggestive. An example of the method is Salamanca, in Spain, which is set forth as follows:

Birthplace of Jose Iglesias de la Case, 1753-1791, poet, and of Juan del Encina, 1468-1543, poet and founder of Spanish drama.

Fray Luis de Leon, 1529-1591, Poet, and Miguel de Unamuno, Philosopher, taught in the University here. Unamuno was banished by the government in 1823 for his political views.

The countries are arranged alphabetically, and so, of course, are the localities. While it is probable that most of the information could be found in the more inclusive guidebooks, it has in this little volume the advantage of being isolated from other facts, and being so arranged as to be very easy to get at. This will be found to be a helpful handbook.

The Daily Mail has been publishing a series of new attempts to solve the mystery of Edwin Drood, one of them by Sir Frederic Maugham, a High Court Judge. — Dean Inge describes Wingefields Stratford's "History of British Civilization" (Routledge) as the jolliest book and liveliest history of England he has ever read. — A reply to G. B. Shaw's "Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism" is on the way. It will be called "The Social Woman's Guide to Intelligence," and will be written by Mrs. Le Mesurier and will be published by Benn. — In "The Tragedy of John Ruskin" (Cape) Amabel Williams-Ellis supplies the best account available of his love story, but underestimates the extent of his influence on his contemporaries.

The London Times wonders why there has never been a full French translation of Pepys — the success of his translations of Muraski will assure a welcome for Arthur Waley's "The Pillow Book of Bei-Shonagon" (Allen) a miscellany illustrating the court life of tenth century Japan.—In "The Tragedy of John Ruskin" (Cape) Amabel Williams-Eillis supplies the best account available of his love story, but underestimates the extent of his influence on his contemporaries. —Among other books on the princip—es and practice of writing one must mention the volume by A. S. Collins on "The Profession of Letters, 1780-1832." This will be a companion to his previously published "Authorship in the Days of Johnson," and will trace the influence of the French Revolution and the industrial revolution, as well as of improved means of communication and education.—Professor R. W. Chambers has edited for Macmillan a selection of lectures and notes by the late Professor W. P. Ker on "Form and Style in Poetry."—In "The Making of Literature" (Secker) Scott-Jones discusses the principles of the criticism of literature and art.

The United States is a bad country to be stupid in—none on the whole so bad.—Henry James.

OUTLOOKS & INSIGHTS

By Brother Leo

YOU NEVER CAN TELL

Edgar Allan Poe received ten dollars for his poem, "The Raven," a piece of verse than which "no single poem ever had a greater success in America." A few weeks ago came the announcement that his manuscrip of "The Raven" was sold for a price in the neighborhood of $100,000.

That hundred thousand, if we are not still soft on top of the head, we shall swallow with philosophic doubt. It is unwise to accept newspaper estimates as true; the announced prices of famous manuscripts are ordinarily exaggerations. So, unless you chance to be close to the buyer or the seller, you never can tell what a manuscript is worth.

It is certain, however, that Poe's manuscript of "The Raven" is worth more than what the poet received for the poem. Not the veriest idiot would dream of purchasing that neat script —Poe was an excellent penman—for ten dollars, or for several times that amount.

The manuscript in the news is not the original manuscript, for that was destroyed after the poem had been set up in type. It is only Sir John Galsworthy or "Peter Pan" Barrie or somebody of that sort who even nowadays stipulates that his manuscript be preserved from the oblivion of the printing-office rubbish heap. Poe probably didn't care three straws what happened to his manuscript if only he could get a little money for it. But later, after the poem had made a stir, Poe graciously copied it out and inscribed it to an old school chum, Dr. S. A. Whitaker. Neither man dreamed that those written sheets would now change hands for thousands of dollars.

So you see one way to make literature pay is not to write it but to cultivate the friendship of those who do. Or, better still, you might head a thieving organization and systematically secure authors' copy from editorial waste-paper baskets. There is a hint for a good detective story—and one with a moral!

A REAL BIG BROTHER

Flitting about the country, now in England, then on the Pacific Coast, later in New Mexico, is a quiet mannered, soft-spoken little man known as Brother Barnabas. His roving commission has been accorded him by his superiors because his work requires that he be ever on the move. He is in charge of the boy work sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and so effective is his performance of his duties that, as the Chicago New World says, he "is the leading Catholic boy life expert, author and speaker in the country."

Brother Barnabas realizes that his numerous conferes among the Brothers of the Christian Schools are able to guide and direct boys during class hours, but that after school many boys, especially in big cities, form undesirable habits and associations. He knows that the modern home exerts less influence on the boy than did the home of two generations ago, and his consistent idea is to safeguard and guide the boy during his numerous out-of-school hours. The Knights of Columbus have placed their resources at the service of Brother Barnabas and have organized classes in boy training under his direction. The word "boyology" is barbarous, but the idea is sound and inspiring.

THE BEST SHORT STORIES

The industrious Mr. Edward J. O'Brien, literary editor of the Boston Transcript, annually compiles a book called "The Best Short Stories," and lists American magazines in the order of the excellence of their fiction. At the head of the list is the Atlantic Monthly; at the tail end of it is McCall's Magazine, and in the exact middle is The Cosmopolitan. In the upper half are magazines as varied as Harper's, Vanity Fair, the American Mercury and the Catholic World. In the lower half are twelve national magazines containing short stories rating less than fifty per cent. Among them are the Saturday Evening Post, the Ladies' Home Journal, Collier's Weekly and The Delineator. Of course the gospel of fiction according to O'Brien possesses no plenary inspiration and we are free to dissent; but personally I think that in essentials he renders a just judgment.

:: BOOK REVIEWS ::

By the King's Command. Mary Brabson Littleton. New York. P. J. Kennedy & Sons. 1928.

In this historical romance one is given a definite idea of Ferdinand de Soto. An attempt is made to dissipate the notion that all Spaniards of 1520 were financial bigots, slave-traders, who in the colonies went out every morning and started the day by committing some act of ferocious cruelty upon the simple-minded natives. The author's treatment of the story in view of the immense material bearing upon the subject in so short a space as 303 pages in such succint fashion is one factor that makes the book lively and entertaining.

The novel has a glamorous and romantic background that should appeal to all Catholics and lovers of adventure. The catholicity of Spain — her energetic administrators and intrepid and fearless missionaries, who in a spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to the Almighty, penetrated into the remote wildernesses of two continents, is the background that Ferdinand de Soto is presented in. In presenting the love story of De Soto and Ysabel de Bobadilla, the author brings out very clearly that the high regard held for womanly virtue in the Middle Ages was directly attributable to the influence of the Catholic Church, which is evident in thoroughly Catholic countries like Spain and Ireland.

The book shows evidences of much scholarship. Mrs. Littleton's description of Ysabel pleading before the full court of the Emperor Charles V for De Soto's life is a piece of writing that makes the novel worth reading. Her treatment of the characters of Saint Ignatius Loyola should give any Catholic and Christian a better appreciation of the fact that a saint is not a long-faced freak with a Puritanical outlook, but a person who is very much alive and is as susceptible to the frailties of the flesh as any other mortal.

The Catholic Book-A-Month Club in selecting this historical novel unquestionably did something to further the reading of wholesome and decent books with the Catholic Christian atmosphere in them. "By the King's Command" is no milk and water, tepid, disgustingly saccharine tale but a real live story possessing all the qualities that go to make up a good story.

Giant Killer. Elmer Davis.

Despite its romantic title, the theme of this recent novel is the antiquated, well-handled one of the combat between David and Goliath. There is nothing startling in this disclosure: Shakespeare was not original. In literature, after all, it is not so much the story that matters as it is the manner of treatment, the characterization, the style. Some of our finest examples of true art are not to be uncovered in the general treatment of an idea, but are to be searched out and found glistening and vividly alive in the guise of a chance remark or a stray exposition. But, be that as it may, only the genius seems to be successful under these conditions. tI demands a wealth of good writing, an almost supernatural cleverness in description and characterization, and a fine turn of mind to dress up an old theme and make it appear new and living and vital. Probably it is the lack of this cleverness that makes Mr. Davis' attempt so disappointing.

Mr. Davis takes this theme, gives it a magical turn by which we find that a drunken soldier, and not David, slew Goliath, and continues with an intimate account of the lives of David and his brother Joab set in a sketchy historical background of the Kingdom of Judea. If anything, the account is too intimate and the background too sketchy.

It certainly wouldn't undermine my religion to find that David was not a model of saintly manhood, or that one of his wives was a murderess, but because this story is a part of the background of my religion, I resent a disrespectful treatment of it, especially when this treatment is purely fictional.

It is said that novel writing has ceased to be an art and has become a business. Well, when things come to such a pass that it is deemed necessary for the sake of business to clothe an extremely unobjectionable theme in the unnecessary habiliments of sordidness and filth, novel writing has ceased to be an art and has become a crime.

THE SUNDAY MISSAL

(Father Lasance)

That religion is a deal of a blessed rigamarole of formulas and litanies and habits the Sunday-Catholic cannot deny. An expressly emphatic way to compass religion and to take it as pleasant and helpful duty is to possess and use a missal. Father Lasance's "The Sunday Missal" (Benziger Brothers, Chicago, 1928) is arranged for the Mass prayers of all Sundays and principal feasts of the year. The supplementary pages include a compendium of needful facts which most Catholics should but don't know.

The subsidiary matter is arranged very uniquely to an introduction, notes and book of prayer; of convenient pocket size is Father Lasance's Missal, an admirable and apt choice for a Christmas remembrance.

—H. F. D.

The following volumes are now added to the Loeb library: Aulus Gellius, "The Attic," Vol. 2; Cicerco, "Letters to His Friends," Vol. 1; Josephus, "Jewish Wars," Books I-III; Athenaeus, "The Deiphnosophists," Vol. 1; Plato, Vol. 8; Lyra Graeca, Vol. 3; Dio, "Roman History," Vol. 9. This famous collection of ancient Greek and Latin literature meets with the great approval of Chesterton, Saintsbury, and Hugh Walpole. It is the only collection at present in which is available volumes long out of print.

The next issue of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments will be a fully illustrated survey of Roman London.

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EDITORIALS

TO WILFORD PEEBLES

The Collegian, on behalf of the student body, wishes to extend its sympathies to Wilford Peebles upon the death of his mother. His loss is one we can all feel deeply and understand, particularly those of us who, like Woody, are far from home. We cannot express this feeling adequately without becoming trite and conventional, for which we beg to be forgiven, but the attendance at the special chapel devotions for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Peebles shows that the men of Saint Mary's understand their classmate's sorrow.

LET'S KEEP THEM SMILING!

Last week in Alameda County a campaign was started urging wide support in the sale of Christmas seals. Proceeds from the seal sale will be used for the further development of the Del Valle Preventorium, near Livermore. This institution is used for the upbuilding of children from various parts of Alameda County who are threatened with tuberculosis and who are taken to the preventorium before the disease has gained a foothold. The work carried on at this institution saves the public tremendous expense in future years and prevents much misery and unhappiness among older people.

Too often do people look upon Christmas from the wrong point of view. The spirit of giving is usually present but there is lacking that true spirit of charity and love which Christ characterized by His birth in the stable. The blessing which Christ brought into the world was meant for all; those of us who are happy and in good health should thank God, but thankfulness also demands some manifestation of thanksgiving. If we wish to feel real joy, and at the same time express our thanks to God, one of the best methods is to spread joy and happiness among others. By purchasing Christmas seals we perform that very thing, and at the same time evidence the true Christian spirit that should mark a true Christian's Christmas.

WHO'S ALL-AMERICAN?

If you want to be famous in the world of sports in these advanced times, become an "expert" and select an All-American football team. Merely being an All-American is nothing—it's so common—but to be an expert and to say who's who in football is a worthier goal. Judging from the number of self-styled experts now running loose, the struggle isn't so much to get on an honorary team, but rather to select it. It is much like the sandlot leagues of baseball, where everyone wants to be pitcher, with the result that more time is spent arguing than in playing.

The various authorities and agencies now in the midst of their annual argument whether Whoosis of Oshkosh or So-and-So of some equally obscure place is the better substitute center have gradually caused the public to look upon them in the same light in which they view each other—prejudiced incompetents. While Walter Camp was alive the All-American meant something. His selection had the ring of authority despite occasional mistakes, but since his death the scramble for his position has become disgraceful and productive of no worthy successor.

STILL ARGUING

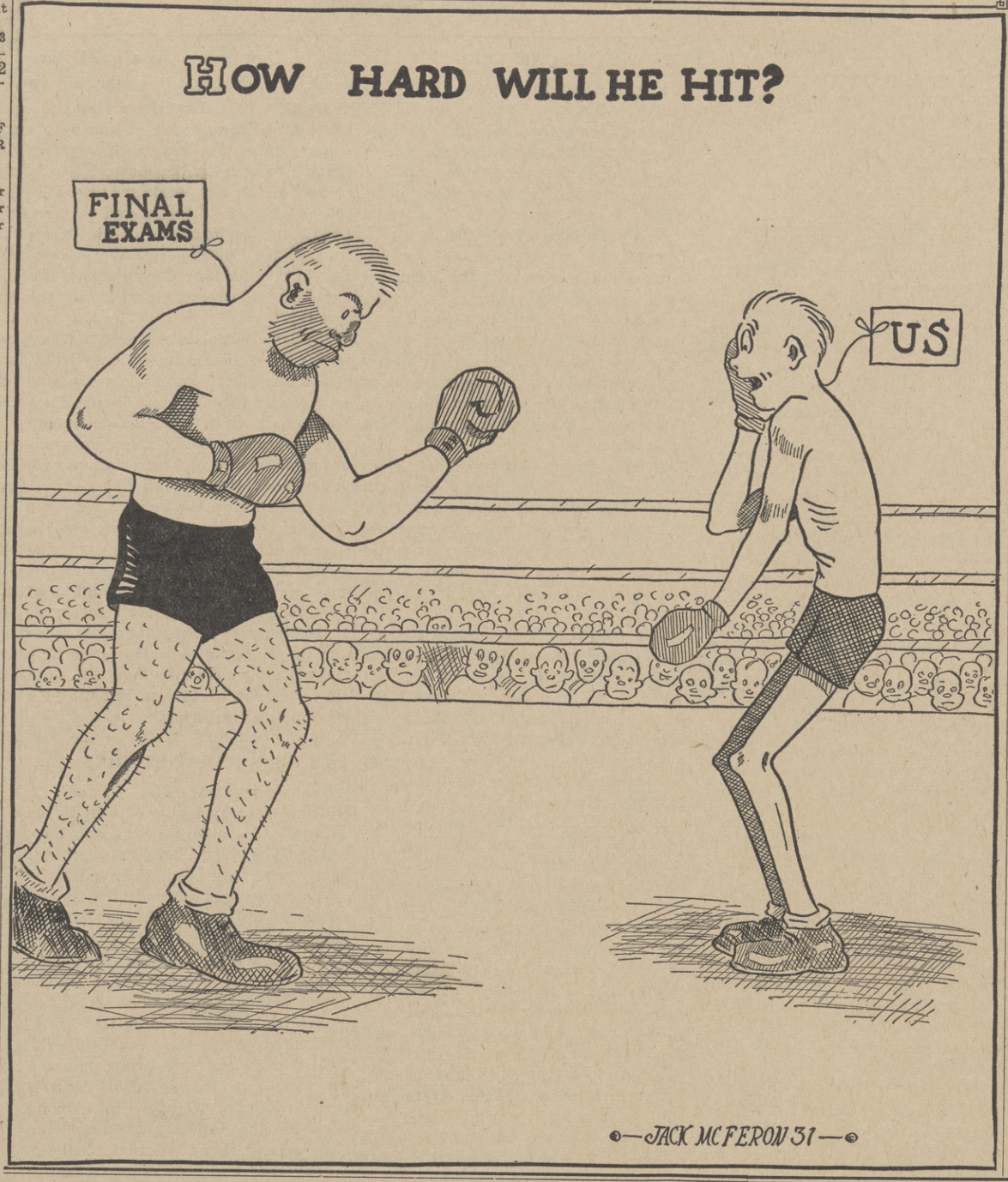
The California-Stanford Big Game has long been over with, but the respective journals of both schools are still carrying on a heated and, to the outsider, amusing discussion anent the terrific crime perpetrated by a Stanford student in painting the famous Big C a brilliant, cardinal red. Strange as it may seem, California is not the injured party. It is Stanford, or rather, the otherwise excellent "Stanford Daily," which is the offended and aggrieved party.

It seems that an agreement exists between the rival universities to outlaw pre-Big Game campus invasions. Accordingly, when the culprit was discovered, the Stanford student body's committee, which has the remarkable duty of meting out punishment to scoffers of Stanford dignity, decreed that the unfortunate wretch should perform three hundred hours' work at a local convalescent home or leave school for a semester.

That was rather severe, and "The Daily Californian," in all good sportsmanship, suggested that the sentence might be lightened because, after all, painting the C was just Big Game "atmosphere." "The Stanford Daily," instead of feeling grateful, came to the rescue of its idiotic council and said California was trying to abrogate its agreement!

It all looks like a very big joke, with everyone laughing but Stanford. We would suggest that someone explain the point of it to "The Stanford Daily"—its air of injured dignity is not at all becoming.

LAST ROUND



Campus Comment

INFORMATION WANTED

Editor, the Collegian.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed kindly find clipping first chapter of a serial now running in "The San Francisco News." This story is written by an alumnus of Old Saint Mary's College — I think about '85; ask Brother Agnon. It is to continue for thirty days and tells of the old actors, actresses and playhouses from the days of Booth and Barrett until the present time. Ed Quillinan has been a professional of note for many years—gave up the stage about ten years ago and turned banker. I thought you might like to follow up or at least read the serial.

Fraternally,
S. CONLAN.

San Francisco,
December 7th.

Editor's Note: Brother Agnon kindly verified Mr. Quillinan's connection with Saint Mary's. He is not a graduate, but was a student around the time the class of '85 was carving its initials in the walls of the Old Brickpile.

A COLLITCH MAN'S DIARY

As the Novelist Has It

10:00 a.m. Woke up. Awful hangover.
11:00 Class. One hour.
12:30 Lunch with Gloria.
1:00 p.m. Class. Another hour.
2:00 Golf with Betty.
4:00 Bridge with Alice.
5:00 Dinner with June.
7:30 To the Follies with Grace.
10:00 To the Plantation. Dancing till 1.
2:00 a.m. Helen's apartnents. New drinks.
3:30 Home, to bed. Perfect day.

As It Really Is

6:30 a.m. Woke up. Finish Spanish lesson.
8:00 Classes till noon.
Noon Sandwich at lunch stand.
1:00 p.m. Classes till three.
3:00 Hour of exercise.
4:00 Library.
5:30 Plate of beans at the "Greasy Spoon."
7:00 Study till 9.
10:00 Lights out. Another day tomorrow.

Absent-minded Professor—"Elizabeth, I believe I have lost the road."
Absent-minded Professor's Wife: "Are you certain you had it when we left the house?"—Life.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Father Bowling, C. S. P.

Saint Mary's Spirit

On Friday morning, December 7, came the sad news of the death of the mother of Wilford Peebles, member of the sophomore class and the football squad. The brotherly spirit of sympathy and help shown Peebles by his classmates and the students in general was something of which Saint Mary's may justly feel proud. Floral offerings were sent by the sophomore class and the football squad, and Friday afternoon a notice appeared on the bulletin board. It read in part:

"The mother of Wilford Peebles died this morning. Wilford has just left on the three-day journey home. Those of us who have experienced a mother's death understand Peebles' loss. Those of us who have not are thankful to God for His goodness . . . If we sympathize with Peebles, the most truthful way of expressing it is to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for his mother's soul." The notice was signed by Jack Merrick, president of the student body, and Joe Connely, president of the sophomore class.

The Saint Mary's men read and understood. The next morning the whole student body attended the Mass that was offered at their request for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Peebles, and over one hundred men received Holy Communion.

But that was not all. The boys were thinking of their comrade on his long sorrowful journey home, and they wanted to let him KNOW that he was not forgotten. So they sent him the following wire:

"Wilford Peebles, en route to Chicago: The student body attended Mass for your intention this morning, and over one hundred men received Holy Communion for the repose of your mother's soul. We are all back of you. Keep up courage. God bless you.
(Signed) Sophomore Class."

Well, if that wasn't fine spirit, I'd like to know what is. You can imagine the cheer and consolation it brought to the young lad all alone on his way to a home that would henceforth never be the same. The students and the sophomore class deserve the highest commendation. They have set a splendid precedent. They have begun a beautiful tradition which we trust will always be held in reverence at Saint Mary's and reverently followed whenever death comes to the mother or father of a fellow student. For it is such acts of thoughtfulness that draw us all closer together. It is such habits of kindness in the little things of life which mean so much for they bring happiness not only to ourselves, but to all those with whom we come in contact.

The First Friday Holy Communions were the best this year! And Saturday and Sunday were almost as good. As one lad expressed it, "Say, it makes a fellow think to see that crowd of men going up to Holy Communion. And they are all real men, too!" You bet they are! Spiritually, "they know their onions!"

And there are others. Take a look at the type of men going up to the Center Hall Chapel every night. They are the men who put their Faith in practice, and are glad to exchange ten minutes of their time for the blessing of Christ. And, by the way, their name is Legion. (Ask your roommate what that means!)

"You can't tell me that prayer doesn't work. I've tried it!" This from a non-Catholic lad who asks God's blessing every night on all his interests, and not only studies hard, but prays for success in his studies. He does his best, but works on the theory that if a plain, ordinary Prof can give a chap a little light from his meager supply of knowledge, then it is quite possible that the great God of wisdom might do likewise—especially since He said He would.

Two friends will not be friends very long if they cannot overlook each other's little failings.—La Bruyere.

Have you received the Sacraments since returning to College? If not, put down your reasons, and then see if they are reasonable.

Confessions are heard every evening in the Chaplain's office, room 226-C.

AIN'T IT?

WILL RIDINGS' WHOOPEE COLUMN

WHY READ IT?

RAMBLING AROUND

And to think that we talk about Florida cyclones. Accidentally looking at a calendar I found that it is only twelve days to Christmas. This is the season when everyone dives deep in debt so they can spend the rest of the year getting out. Also the season when nice old ladies stick other nice old ladies in the eye with bundles; and make ten yard plunges through the aisles to get "something fancy" in cards for Cousin Julia, and the lady next door.

—WC—

Standing in front of a downtown store the other day a young sophisticate of nine years stood gazing into a window filled with toys. "Gee," he said, "the kids sure get keen toys nowadays."

—WC—

Bolivia and Paraguay (look them up in your Rand & McNally) are all set to go to war. Our President-elect had better include them on his goodwill mission. Or maybe they are staging the war in his honor.

—WC—

Ladies, and gentlemen, we are about to enjoy the greatest spectacle of the year. Hard, tight old men will loosen up; old hates are forgotten; smiles replace frowns; forgotten friends are remembered; joy and peace will reign. The annual miracle is only twelve days away. Prepare!

—WC—

Some favor the co-eds that are met in the School of Experience.

—WC—

I know one junior who'll probably flunk logic because of trespassing. He is always on the wrong premises.

—WC—

DON'T SEND A CENT!

Would you like to find your soul mate? Would you like to be a real he-man? WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY PIANO IN THREE WEEKS? Would you like to have a personality that would make the girls flock around you? You would? So would I.

FRAT JOKE 907

"I guess you've heard of the Duncan Sisters?"

"Oh yeah!"

"Well, I was out with the Drunken Brothers last night."

—WC—

OUR HALL OF FAME

Otto Jacob Meeker of Brandy Flat, late of Berkeley, who happened in town last Tuesday with the wash. Jake wins this week's medal because he shot the organist in one of our movie houses when he announced he was going to play a group of numbers Al Jolson made notorious.

—WC—

LAW AND ORDER COLUMN

List of recent novelty larceny items copied from the newspapers:

Item Stolen—	Locale—
Portable garage	Chicago, Ill.
Police siren	Davenport, Iowa
Twelve windows	New Orleans, La.
Sick cow	Nashville, Tenn.
Kiss	Zat so?

—WC—

Though Bob Collich, our campus musician, tunes his cornet in E-sharp he usually plays in A-flat.

—WC—

TODAY'S HATE

Women who go to cry at sad movies and then brag about it.

—WC—

If Kipling had a radio he would never have written "On the Road to Mandalay."

—WC—

Headline in the "Post-Enquirer"

"Garbage" (continued from page -)

—Just another of those sex stories, I guess.